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From: Sarah Palin [govpalin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2007 11:55 AM
To: Kristina Y Perry
Cc: Frye; Ivy J (GOV); Michael A Tibbles
Subject: Re: Wolstad

thanks - sounds good

plug her in tibbles, thanks!
and ivy.

Binkley can take the controversial person's place (either Burton or Ralston), Curt and Bonnie take the other two places - Orie and VanWhye.

we can make those announcements today

Kris Perry <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

> Bonne' Wolstad called again. She said that she checked w/the legal dept and there's no problem, so she's accepting. I didn't ask and she didn't say for what but I'm assuming you know.
>
> Kris

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From: Mike Tibbles [mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2007 8:28 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: RE: Railroad Board Roster

I was thinking on the drive in. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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Mike

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:govpalin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2007 7:55 AM
To: tibbles@alaska.net; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
Cc: Ivy Frye; ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: Fwd: Railroad Board Roster

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Ivy Frye <ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

> Date: Fri, 29 Dec 2006 16:42:52 -0900
> From: Ivy Frye <ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us>
> Subject: Railroad Board Roster
> To: 'sarah' <spalin@mtaonline.net>, govpalin@yahoo.com
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> I will fax a copy of the roster and fact sheet to your home as well. Please let me know if you need anything else.
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To: Sarah Palin; tibbles@alaska.net; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: RE: Railroad Board Roster

Governor Palin and Mike,

My hard copies go back to 1995 and there has never been in a woman in that time. I've called Admin Services to see if they can look back farther.

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From: Ivy Frye [Ivy_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2007 10:02 AM
To: Sarah Palin; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: FW: Railroad Corporation

One woman has served on the Railroad Corporation. Please see below.

Thanks,

Ivy

From: Karen Essary [mailto:karen_essary@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2007 9:59 AM
To: Ivy J Frye
Subject: Railroad Corporation

Deborah Sedwick was appointed to board 088 Commissioner/DCED position on 12/10/1997 until she was replaced on 12/2/2002 by Tom Lawson.

Railroad Board Seat History Query

namecode	boardno	SHORT_NAME	status	lname	fname	mname	salutation
	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X				
ADAJAC	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Adams	Jacob		
BARMIC1	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Barton	Michael		
BAUEDW	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Bauer	Edward	L.	
BINJOH	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Binkley	John	E.	The Honorable
BLAEDG	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Blatchford	Edgar		
CAMBRU	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Campbell	Bruce		
CHAFRA1	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Chapados	Frank	X.	
CHRMYR	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Christy	Myron	M.	
CLOALB	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Clough	Albert (Al)	H.	
FUHPAU	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Fuhs	Paul		
HATROB1	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Hatfield	Robert	S.	
HENWIL	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Hensley	William		
KIRWIL	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Kirkpatrick	Willis		
LAWTOM	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Lawson	Tom		
LINDAL	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Lindsey	Dale	R.	
LINRON	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Lind	Ron	B.	
LOULOR	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Lounsbury	Loren	H.	
MARCAR	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Marrs	Carl	H.	
MASPAU	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Massey	Paul	J.	
OLSMIC	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Olson	Michael	W.	
PERJOE	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Perkins	Joe		

SEDDEB	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Sedwick	Deborah		
SHEWIL1	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Sheffield	William (Bill)	J.	The Honorable
SULGEO	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Sullivan	George		
VALGER	088	RAILROAD CORPORATION	X	Valinske	Gerald	D.	

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"I sure would hate to have it sprayed," he said. He also said he'd like to be notified when the spraying was happening.
Representatives from the railroad and the company that would do the spraying said they would go beyond the demands of a permit to accommodate the wishes of residents' and tried to allay concerns about any environmental impacts.
Ernie Piper, who oversees environmental issues for the railroad, said the railroad intended to use notices in the areas where it sprays and could spend extra time with Therriault because of his commercial interest.
He said he didn't want to commit to notifying everyone every time they sprayed because he wasn't sure it was possible.
Wayne Hug of The DeAngelo Brothers Inc., the company that would apply the herbicides, said the chemicals would be applied to only an eight-foot-wide area along the tracks and should not impact hay or bees.
"None of those products that we're using are toxic to bees," he said.

Other questions related to the environmental impacts of the chemicals and the duration of the permit the railroad needs from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

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"It's something that we really look at hard," she said.

She said permits to use herbicides last one year and can be extended once for one year.

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The DEC will consider both of the issues in determining whether or not to grant a permit, she said.

On Thursday, Piper gave a brief presentation outlining the need for herbicides.

He said safety issues were the main reason the herbicides were needed. Weeds have led to poor drainage and track degradation, increasing the risk of accidents.

According to Piper, mechanical methods of controlling weeds have not been sufficient in controlling the weeds.

"We cannot afford to have less than the best track conditions," Piper said.

The railroad is proposing to use glyphosate, 2,4-D, and Oust Extra along its 600 miles of track.

More information about the proposal can be found at www.akrr.com under "Information" and comments can be submitted to the DEC through Aug14. - Stefan Milkowski, The Fairbanks News-Miner

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